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Tsuyoshi NISHIMOTO, et al.

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RESPONSE TO ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated April 10, 2007, please consider the following
remarks are respectfully submitted:

Remarks are submitted beginning on page 2.